

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Re: Freedom of Information request regarding Healthwatch

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with the following information:

1. How much funding did your local authority provide to the LINK in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13?

YEAR	Contract Value
2009/10	180,000
2010/11	180,000
2011/12	160,000
2012/13	160,000

2. How much funding will your local authority provide to the local Healthwatch in 2013/14 and 2014/15?

YEAR	Contract Value
2013/14	234,862
2014/15	234,862

3. Will your local Healthwatch be fully functioning by April 2013?

No, however there will be arrangements in place to support the transition and a clear work plan to enable Healthwatch Leicester to be fully operational as soon as possible.

4. Will the social enterprise (body corporate) for your local Healthwatch be:

- a. Public sector?
- b. Private sector?
- c. Voluntary sector/not for profit?

The contract is currently out for tender and subsequently, Leicester City Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal

notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held.

5. Will any of the statutory activities of your local Healthwatch be subcontracted? If so:

- a. Which activities?
- b. what is the nature of the body they will be subcontracted to (public sector, private sector or voluntary sector/not for profit)?

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6. How many staff were employed by the LINK in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13?

2009 - 3.81 Information regarding vacancies at this time is not available
2010 - 4 with administration vacancy
2011 - 4 no vacancies
2012 - 4 no vacancies

7. How many staff will be employed by your local Healthwatch in 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Tupe is likely to apply so LINK staff could transfer to Healthwatch. It is expected that Healthwatch Leicester will need to employ more staff than the current operational team at LINK as they will have extended duties.

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Information and Support
Leicester City Council
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